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Wildfire Fact Sheet- Black Mountain Fire

Note: Get the latest fire updates on Twitter @UtahWildfire

(Use hashtag #BlackMountainFire)

Summary: The fire is making significant runs to the south. Smoke and ash is impacting Cedar City and Cedar Mountain tonight as large accumulations of vegetation are consumed. Two firefighters have been transported to the hospital and are being treated for heat related illness. The Chalk Hollow Road is now closed. Fire Managers would like to remind the public to stay out of the fire's surrounding area due to high rates of spread. A Type III Incident Management Team will manage the fire starting Thursday.

Start Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Three miles south east of Minersville, in Beaver County, Utah.

Jurisdiction: Bureau of Land Management (Color Country District) and Utah State Lands (Forestry, Fire and State Lands).

Fire Size: 4,000 plus acres. (Note: one acre is equivalent to one football field).

Cause: Lightning.

Fire Behavior: Torching, running, spotting, and significant fire growth is being observed.

Closures: Chalk Hollow, Maple Springs, Black Mountain, and the Camel Hollow Roads are closed.

Structures: One cabin is currently threatened.

Percent Contained: 5%

Fuels: Pinyon and Juniper, Cheatgrass and Brush.

Fire Crews/Resources: 5 Fire Engines, 2 Water Tenders, 4 Hand Crews, 2 Type I Helicopters, 1 Type III Helicopter, 1 Air Attack Platform, 3 Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATS), 2 Dozers, and Various Overhead. Approximately 200 personnel are currently assigned to the fire.

Evacuations: No evacuations are currently in effect.

Injuries: Two firefighters have been transported to the hospital for heat related illness. Both are expected to make a full recovery.

For more information on fires in Utah visit www.utahfireinfo.gov.

